AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

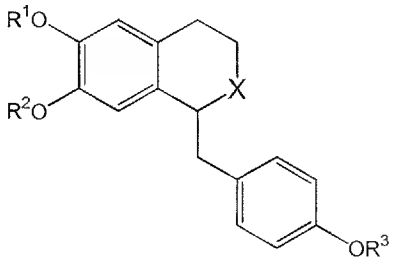
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-42. (Cancelled)

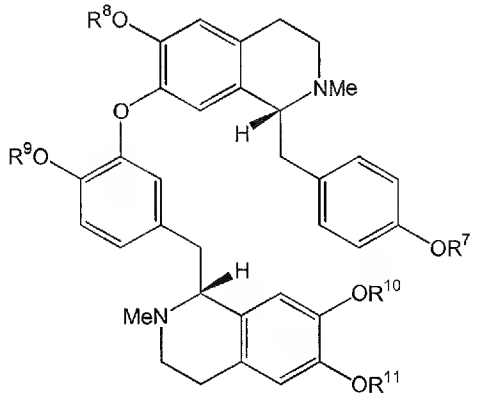
43. (Currently Amended) A method for treating pain, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof, as an effective ingredient, at least one compound selected from the group consisting of:

a benzylisoquinoline derivative represented by general formula (I):



wherein R^1, R^2 and R^3 each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted, an aryl group which may be substituted or a heteroaryl group which may be substituted, and X represents NR^4 or $N^+R^5R^6Y$ in which R^4 represents a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, R^5 and R^6 each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, and Y represents a halide, hydroxide, or sulfate ion;

a bisbenzylisoquinoline derivative represented by general formula (II):



wherein R^7, R^8, R^9, R^{10} and R^{11} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted, an aryl group which may be substituted or a heteroaryl group which may be substituted; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

with the proviso that the bisbenzylisoquinoline derivative is not neferine, liensinine or isoliensinine.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 43, wherein the pain to be treated is based on inflammation.

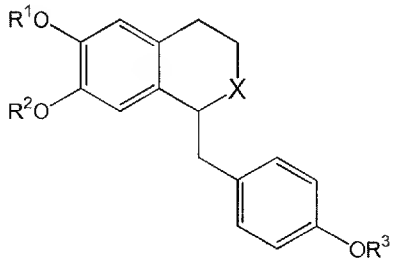
45. (Cancelled)

46. (Original) The method of Claim 43, wherein said derivative is administered orally as part of a health food containing said derivative.

47. (Original) The method of Claim 46, wherein the health food is a beverage or drinkable preparation.

48. (New) The method of Claim 43, wherein said at least one compound is selected from the group consisting of:

a benzylisoquinoline derivative represented by general formula (I):



wherein R^1, R^2 and R^3 each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted, an aryl group which may be substituted or a heteroaryl group which may be substituted, and X represents NR^4 or $N^+R^5R^6Y$ in which R^4 represents a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, R^5 and R^6 each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, and Y represents a halide, hydroxide, or sulfate ion; and

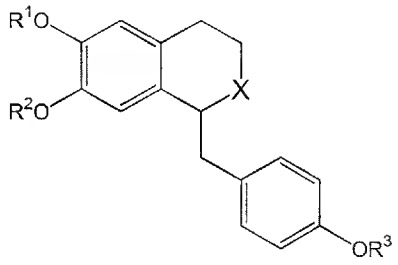
a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

49. (New) The method of Claim 43, wherein said at least one compound is selected from the group consisting of armepavine and O-methylarmepavine.

50. (New) The method of Claim 43, wherein the pain to be treated is selected from the group consisting of headache, toothache, neuralgia, arthralgia, myalgia, dysmenorrhea, bruise pain, postoperative pain, and traumatogenic pain.

51. (New) A method for treating pain, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof, as an effective ingredient, at least one compound selected from the group consisting of:

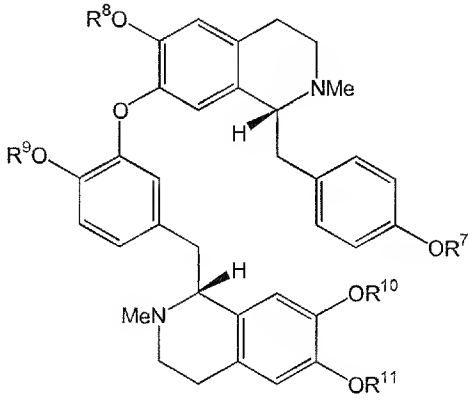
a benzylisoquinoline derivative represented by general formula (I):



wherein R^1, R^2 and R^3 each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted, an aryl group which may be substituted or a heteroaryl group which may be substituted, and X represents NR^4 or $N^+R^5R^6Y$ in which R^4

represents a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, R^5 and R^6 each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, and Y represents a halide, hydroxide, or sulfate ion;

a bisbenzylisoquinoline derivative represented by general formula (II):



wherein R^7, R^8, R^9, R^{10} and R^{11} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted, an aryl group which may be substituted or a heteroaryl group which may be substituted; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

wherein the pain to be treated is selected from the group consisting of headache, toothache, neuralgia, arthralgia, myalgia, dysmenorrhea, bruise pain, postoperative pain, and traumatogenic pain.